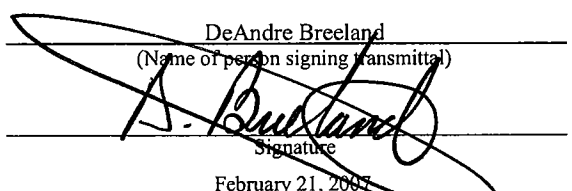


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2006, having three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.